

Plaistow & Ifold's Full Parish Council Meeting

Clerks Report to the meeting on 10th June 2026

7 c) Email received from SOSCA 27th May 2026

FAO : PARISH COUNCILS of WEST SUSSEX

Should Parish Councils highlight the lack of consultation in West Sussex re – effluent recycling?

Recycled effluent is coming to taps in West Sussex, but without adequate consultation, due to Southern Water's application for an effluent recycling plant that will discharge into the new reservoir at Havant Thicket. From there the water will be distributed across the Portsmouth Water supply area whenever the reservoir is used. When a later pipeline is built from the reservoir to Pulborough recycled effluent from the reservoir will also be distributed north to Midhurst and across to Horsham to Southern Water customers ([see section 6.20 attached](#)).

Please see the email below from SOSCA to West Sussex County Council, with a separate email also sent to Chichester District Council, [with the attached report](#) highlighting the inadequacy in Southern Waters consultation with residents in West Sussex who will have to drink the recycled water.

Please read the email below and the first few summary pages of the attached report and **consider should the Parish Council write to the Planning Inspectorate to express concern about the failure to consult your residents?**

- Noting that you are likely to have just 14 days to write to the Planning Inspectorate The critical consultation took place in 2021 after which effluent recycling via Havant Thicket Reservoir was selected by Southern Water, yet there was no consultation with those in the Portsmouth Water supply area (including West Sussex residents & Parish Councils) who would receive the mixed water from the reservoir at this formative stage of the plan. See Appendix C of the attached report for more information on this.

As a minimum it would be helpful if the Parish Council would support our request to the Council(s) to write to the Planning Inspectorate to highlight the failure of Southern Water to consult residents in West Sussex on this material change to our drinking water supply.

Email to CDC – Amy 26th 2026

FAO: Council Leader, CEO & Head of Planning

Urgent request for action on behalf of Chichester area residents

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The majority of residents in the Chichester area will be completely in the dark about this significant planned change to their drinking water supply, as **Southern Water have made no attempt to notify the public in West Sussex (or Chichester specifically)** about the change from natural sources of water. There have been no public exhibitions, and consultation materials were not deposited in libraries in the Chichester or wider area impacted. Exhibitions and information in libraries only happened in some areas of Hampshire.

Southern Water submitted their Development Consent Order (DCO) application on 21 May 2026 and there is now a short window of opportunity for local authorities to write to the Planning Inspectorate to highlight the inadequacy of the consultation, **but the council will only have 14 days to do this, making this very urgent**, as this is a process which takes place before the DCO application is accepted and registered.

The Planning Inspectorate will not write to Chichester District Council as Southern Water have not told them that residents in Chichester and West Sussex will be impacted, they will only write to some councils in Hampshire.

The current point for the Council to consider is - Was the consultation adequate to meet the legal criteria in relation to Chichester area residents?

- and that is surely a matter of fact.

We are not asking you or the Council to decide if you support effluent recycling. The opportunity for public and stakeholder comment on the Development Consent Application is the next stage in the process, when the matters of need, alternatives etc. will be considered.

We need councillors to work with officers in Chichester District Council [to review the attached report](#), consider the adequacy of the consultation, then write a letter to the Planning Inspectorate who will consider the DCO application and highlight the inadequacy in the public consultation for those affected in the Chichester area, including the failure to meet the legal requirements.

8. Tree Survey Summary:

Coxes Pond: Carried out June 2025

All works carried out Summer 2025 as specified and re survey recommended for June 2028 subject to fungal infections and /or bad weather events affecting tree structure.

Plaistow Recreation Ground: Carried out June 2025

All works carried out Summer 2025 as specified and aerial surveys recommended were undertaken (See below). Re survey recommended for June 2028.

Sessile Oak Aerial Survey: Carried out July 2025

All works recommended carried out and re survey recommended for June 2028.

Two Mature Pedunculate Oak Trees Aerial Survey: Carried out November 2025

All works recommended to be carried out within 12 months, planning approval awaited and if appropriate to be carried out in the autumn 2026 outside of nesting season. Resurvey November 2028.

- Quote for works £700 yet to be carried out expected autumn 2026

9. Lady Hope Play Area Replacement Picnic Table. Budget for play area repairs and maintenance £4500. Of which £1850 for inspections. **Repairs Budget £2650.**

Glasdon £690 net dark brown wood



Also available recycled materials Light Brown £840 net
Anchors not available. Will require assembly and so a labour cost.

Free delivery



Sustainable.furniture.co.uk, Brown, wooden. £716.67 net
Anchors available £45.

Will require assembly and so a labour cost. Free delivery.



Recycled furniture free delivery. £715 net
Anchors not available.

Part assembled will require some assembly.

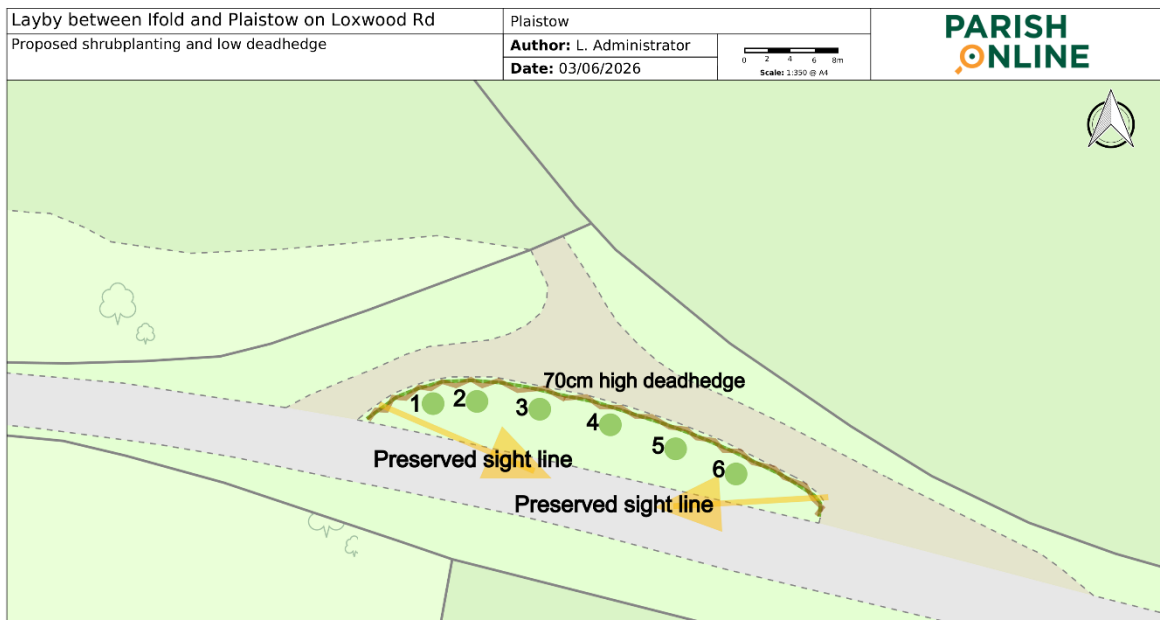
10. Biodiversity Working Group

The Biodiversity Working Group met twice in May. On 15th May they were joined by a new volunteer, two other volunteers haven't yet made a meeting but are copied into all project emails.

[Projects were discussed as per the notes.](#) Subsequently an application has been made to WSCC Highways to plant the layby between Ifold and Plaistow and to add a perimeter low dead hedge (70cm or can be lower) to border the area without obstructing sight lines. The dead hedge will follow the natural line where vehicles do not normally travel and in any case of it is hit by a vehicle it would do little damage.

Proposed planting for this area will be the same as proposed for the Ifold Conservation area with the emphasis on being durable and plants that encourage insects/butterflies. Materials for both projects will be quantified and a grant application applied for, for 50% of the cost from CDC. The remaining 50% cost will when ascertained be reported to Finance/ Full Council if further budget for the year above the £250 currently in place required.

Proposed Layby planting:



Planting Regime:

1. Rosa Rugosa
2. Rosa Rugosa
3. Rosa Rugosa
4. Sambucus Niger
5. Sambucus Niger
6. Rosa Rugosa

The application for a licence has been applied for as it can take up to 8 weeks to process, and it is hoped to carry out these projects in the autumn before which a grant will need to be applied for. If the Parish Council do not wish to proceed with this then the licence can be turned down or altered.

11.2 Clerks Update CDALC Meeting summary:-

Andrew Saxton remains as CDALC chair and no subscription for membership agreed again this year.

An update on the previous minutes that the election charge of £3.50 per electorate was only if the PC elections occurred on their own, but it is now known for 2027 they will be shared with Shadow Unitary elections and so will be much cheaper for Parish Councils, but no cost was given.

A quick chat at the end re Clerk and Council disagreements re ownership of agenda (some clerks were present so that one was cleared up) and onto the new government proposals for the unitaries which no one in Chichester District seemed to think was a bad solution for Chichester - Chichester/Mid Sussex/ Adur Horsham and Crawley and the second one Adur, Arun and Worthing together.

Minutes will be circulated in due course.

12. Correspondence:

Email 4th June 26

Hello Jane,

I had a request from the U8 boys group to see if they could train at Plaistow Green during the summer? The boys seem to really enjoy the training sessions so they are asking if they could carry on training until Aug or Sep?

Let me know your thoughts.

Istvan

Kirdford Youth Football Club